

BASEBALL FANS LOOK TOWARD HUB TO SEE WHAT MANAGER CAN MAKE OF RED SOX

CHANCE GETS REAL TEST IN COMING YEAR

"Peerless Leader" Will Have Opportunity to Show Just What He Can Do in Boston.

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IF YOU have any tears to shed, let 'em fall upon the silvering dome of Frank Chance. For there is the man who now is to be tested as to his greatness as a baseball leader—without a seeming earthly chance for success.

Through more than fifteen years Chance has been termed the "peerless leader." And through just so long a stretch of time, while his admirers termed him as truly great, there were others who maintained that he is infinitely lacking in real leadership ability and that what transpired while he was at the helm of the Chicago Cubs was not of his making.

"The worst dub in the world could have managed the Cubs of 1906, 1907 and 1908 into championships," declare the critics of Chance. "When he assumed management of the club he felt him to one of the greatest collections of ball players that ever fought under one standard. This gathering of such wonderful talent was due to Frank Chance, who preceded Chance and who had spent several years in building it up to pennant heights.

"Unfortunately for Seale he was deposed just at a time when success was to crown his efforts. And to Chance came the fruits of victory and the glory of triumph.

"They have given Chance credit for what the Cubs performed, but it was Chance who did it. It was Seale who, first, all, welded together the Cub machine and it was the machine itself, smooth running, tremendously powerful and with an irresistible force which steam-rolled the opposition."

CHANCE RETIRED.
Chance retired from the management of the Cubs in 1929. A year later he took the reins of the New York Yankees. Great things were expected from him by the club owners and by the admirers of Chance. They insisted that he would prove to the world there and then that he was a genuine in the matter of club leadership.

But Chance was a "bust." The Yankees could do no better than a terrible seventh in the race of 1931 and in midseason of 1932 were floundering around so badly that Chance quit in disgust. He declared that he did not have decent material to work with and that his efforts to build up a ball club were severely handicapped by criticism of an unkind and unwarranted nature from many sources.

So that made things about 50-50 in relation to Frank Chance. He was a wonder with the Cubs—ranked among the greatest team pilots of all time. He was a fearful blower at the helm of the Yankees, which failure might have been due to his lack of natural leadership ability—or it might have been due to many other causes beyond his control.

FADED FROM PICTURE.
Chance faded from the big league picture after 1931 and has been out of baseball for eight years. Through all that onrush of time there has been within him the ambition to get one more chance as a team leader so that he could demonstrate to the skeptics that, given a fair break, he could lift even a mediocre outfit to lofty heights in the baseball world.

The opportunity has come to Chance—but what a terrible opportunity it is. He is to manage the Boston Red Sox in 1933. No more hopeless task ever confronted any team leader. It's 1906 to 1932 against Chance winning a pennant and it's 1906 to 1 that his team will do anything beyond the pathetic.

If, by some seeming miracle, the Red Sox should put on a spurt in 1933, upset the dope bucket, and become either a menace or a factor in the pennant race, then Frank Chance surely will have earned a claim not merely as a "peerless leader" but as a "superman" of baseball.

For he is backed up now with a club, owned by a man whose prime purpose in baseball seems to be to dispose of every good ball player that he gets on the auction block. This Harry Frazee, through sales covering a period of years, has completely wrecked and demoralized a once great baseball club that it is practically an untruth to refer to it as a "big league outfit."

COMES TO BOSTON.
Frank Chance slides into Boston in 1933, possessed of a most terrible outlook. He goes there to head an aggregation of misfits and baseball riffraff. And he goes with the full knowledge that if he should develop any player to a point of stardom, there is the likelihood that he will wake up some morning to find that the owner has sold him to the highest bidder.

It is really too bad for Frank Chance, who for years has nursed the hope of redeeming himself for the Yankee failure, and proving his greatness as a manager, that he should be sentenced to serve as term as manager of a team where the chances of success are so remote that they aren't discernible by the naked eye or even imaginable by all-compassing brains.

MEETS NEW FILIPINO.
Frankie Jerome has been matched to the conclusions with the newly arrived Filipino, Mike Belanger, in a twelve-round contest to be staged at Madison Square Garden, New York City, January 5.

Pepper Martin is paired with Jack Bernstein in the stellar event of fifteen rounds.

HOLDS GAMES FEBRUARY 3.
The Boston A. A. will hold its annual meeting on February 3. The list of events that local athletes will be eligible to compete in are three-mile run, forty-yard dash, one-mile run, Hunter Cup, forty-five yard high hurdles and 660-yard run.

THAT GUILTIEST FEELING



WESTERN WINS AT ANNAPOLIS IN FAST GAME

Work of Frisby, Garber and Dulin Too Much for Maryland High Tossers.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 29.—Showing "some what" better teamwork, the basketball tossers of Western High School, defeated the Annapolis High School in the State Army here this afternoon, 25 to 18. The game was well contested throughout. Smith, forward of Annapolis, suffered a badly cut lip during the first half and was compelled to retire.

Garber, Dulin and Frisby, the Washingtonians, had a trio of players who worked well together and between them scored all save two of the team's points. The work of Garber was especially creditable. Williams, at center, bore the brunt of the work for Annapolis, scoring five points and also got into the scoring column.

Line-up and summary:
Western H. Pos. Annapolis H.
Garber, F. Forward. Rice, Smith
Dulin, C. Center. Williams, Frisby
McNulty, Guard. Stockett, McAlister
Henderson, Forward. Macalister, Substitutions: Washington—Frisby for Dulin, Lamar for Frisby, Thomas for McNulty, Annapolis—Dunkert for Macalister, Macalister for Smith, Grandall for Stockett.

Field goals:—Western, Garber, 5; Dulin, 2; Frisby, 2; Henderson, 1. Fouls: Garber, 1; Dulin, 1; Henderson, 1; Williams, 1; Rice, 1; Smith, 1; Henderson, 1; Williams, 1; Rice, 1; Smith, 1. Goals from foul—Rice, 1 out of 2; Williams, 1 out of 2; Henderson, 1 out of 2; Williams, 1 out of 2; Henderson, 1 out of 2. Time of halves 20 minutes.

YANKEES PLAN LONG JAUNTS THIS SEASON

Bratburd's "Home Guards" to Invade North and West in Quest of More Honors.

COINCIDENT with the announcement that he is booking the best attractions in the East to follow the Original Celtics of New York here, Eddie Bratburd, Yankee manager, steps forth to shout that before the season is over his team will make the longest trip ever taken by a District independent five.

Bratburd's sole sport ambition is to put Washington in "big time" basketball circles.

One trip the Yankees will take includes a game with the Rochester Central of Rochester, the Hewitt Times of Buffalo, and teams in Syracuse and Geneva on the succeeding days. Negotiations for these games have been completed.

Another jaunt, even longer, is contemplated into northern Ohio, and correspondence is now being exchanged to have the Yanks show in that country.

HAS GOOD RELAY.
Columbia University this year will be represented by one of the best relay squads that has ever represented the Blue and White. Heading the squad will be Walter Koppich and Victor Grab. They will be supported by Starkey, Theobald, Donaldson and Deik.

It's a Great Line

By DAMON RUNYON
Our Coast Correspondence
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WE have an operative planted out on the Pacific coast. Be very, very careful what you do out there. A chiel's amang ye taking notes.

The chiel's name is Spike Robinson. He is going to be very indignant about being called a chiel until he finds out from Mr. Signor Luigi Montagni, otherwise Bull Montana, what a chiel means.

Anyway, Spike Robinson is our "outside" man in Los Angeles and Southern California generally. He keeps us advised of the goings-on, and what he tells us of some of the boys would surprise them.

For instance, Joe Benjamin, the Sheik of the San Joaquin Valley, now in Los Angeles, may not know it, but we are fully aware of the fact that he recently borrowed Jack Dempsey's famous \$17,000 automobile for the purpose of "chucking a saw" with a maiden fair. Joe told her it was his car.

We know this, because the latest confidential report from Spike gives us the information. The reader will kindly not let it go any further.

BENJAMIN, who is a lightweight by profession and a boulevardier by education and instinct, took a run-out powder on these parts some months ago and went to Los Angeles. He was all-fagged-out from his trip abroad with Dempsey.

Since hitting Los Angeles, Joe has been going large in the four-round game. We gather from Mr. Robinson's report that Joe is also doing all right otherwise. Perhaps Mr. Robinson shouldn't have let that one out.

"Fancy the happenedome Joseph seated in the champion's expensive car with a full dress suit on, and with a beautiful sweet young doll in a thousand-dollar ermine coat, and you have a picture for the gods," remarks Spike.

Of course, you couldn't get much of an ermine coat for a "thou," so we are advised by the fur expert of the paper, but Spike couldn't think of any more money than that on the spur of the moment.

SPIKE says that during his vaudeville engagement in Los Angeles Dempsey packed 'em in tight. Spike at times gets excited, but here's his exact language.

"The lines extended from Hill and Seventh streets half way down to Sixth street, and on the Seventh street side as far as the Los Angeles Athletic Club, four and five abreast."

If you don't know Los Angeles intimately, we can say for your information that lines stretching as described by Spike would be some stretch.

WHERE and there in his report our man interjects dots and dashes of news.

He says he has been helping Joe Dempsey, the champ's brother, prune the rubber plants in Dempsey's greenhouse; furthermore, that at the champ's direction, he (Mr. Robinson) recently purchased fifty gold fish for the champ's outdoor fountain, and was told by Dempsey not to eat any of them.

It appears that Dempsey is having a big Christmas dinner at his home today for all the lads around and about; that the yard of his \$150,000 home is decorated with Japanese lanterns and what not, and an orchestra is on hand.

Mr. Robinson said in his letter that he was invited to the dinner. He speaks of it several times, in fact. He expatiates on the matter. We gather that Mr. Robinson is hungry.

KID MCCOY is opening a vaudeville engagement our operative states, doing a monologue. The once famous Kid has done quite a number of things since he went to the coast years ago, trying his hand at the movies and later at the insurance business.

Leach Cross, Spike announces, is working in the movies. Leach at one time had a prosperous gymnasium in Los Angeles, but it is understood that he has given it up. Leach made one attempt at a "comeback" some months ago. Now he has apparently abandoned boxing for good and all, and is turning his talents to other fields.

WET GRIDIRON MAY AID PITT ELEVEN TODAY

Both Teams to Use Warner System in Intersectional Clash in California.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 29.—The second of a series of three East versus West football games will be played tomorrow at Palo Alto in the meeting of Pittsburgh and Stanford, two essentially dissimilar elevenings using the same system. Glen Warner, present coach at Pittsburgh, deputized Andy Kerr, a former pupil, to handle the reins at Stanford this season in order that the way may be paved for him to assume charge of football at Palo Alto next year, and the result is that the Pitt system is used by both teams.

Kerr, however, has been forced to institute an adaptation of the system here, owing to radical differences between Eastern and Western football material. His squad is made up of big, rangy men, equally proficient in covering punts and handling passes and as a result, these features of the open game have been bleached with the Warner system of heavy line smashes and wide end runs, alternated with off tackle and cross buckles disguised as fakes.

The game is expected to develop a duel between the Pitt running attack and the kicking and passing game of Stanford, built around Art Wilcox and Bud Woodward. The Pittsburgh punting is a weak feature of a play and it is believed that the Panthers will rely on Hewitt and Halloran to advance the ball, rather than adhere to the conservative punt.

The rangy 260-pound all-American center, is practically recovered from injury and will start the game, according to Coach Kerr.

Both squads have been practicing on a soggy field for the past several days, although the weatherman has predicted a fair chance of sunshine when the starting whistle blows.

Although the invaders favor a wet field, the weight of the Cardinals and the fact that many of their important contests have been played in the mud will give them the break either way as they have a dependable passing combination for a fast field.

MISS AMERICA CLIPS RECORD IN BOAT RACE

Detroit-Owned Craft Cuts the Waves at 52 Miles an Hour in Taking First Place.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 29.—Clipping off eleven laps while the other entries covered ten laps, "Miss America," owned by Gar Wood, Detroit sportsman, won the first thirty-mile heat here today in the ninety-mile Pacific coast championship speedboat races at a speed of more than fifty-two miles an hour. First reports had "Miss Detroit" as winner, but a re-check showed "Miss America" was a full lap ahead of the other entries.

"Miss Detroit" finished second, with "Miss Mary" third and "Hurricane II," Pacific coast champion, fourth, and "Fellowa IV," fifth.

Before the race started, Cecil B. DeMille's Cecilia caught fire and was a total loss. The Cecilia was valued at \$11,000.

The two remaining heats will be run tomorrow and Sunday.

Corbett Tells

HOW CROWD OF 5,000 WAS DISAPPOINTED WHEN BATTLEERS WERE SENT TO JAIL

By JAMES J. CORBETT.
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ONE very fitting argument that the fighting game has improved in a marvelous manner can be deduced from the story of the contemplated second fight between Joe Coburn and Mike McCool.

It seems that after McCool so easily disposed of Aaron Jones he sought a return match with Coburn. McCool wanted to retrieve his lost laurels, and Joe was willing to give him the chance, for he figured he could defeat Mike again. It was a match that stirred up the sporting fraternity in every big city, for both were riding the top wave of popularity and were known as great fighters.

After a lot of wrangling the men signed articles and then came the question of selecting a battleground. In those days fighting was against the law and the authorities were always on the alert to prevent battles. The general public looked down on fighters openly, though many were silent admirers of the sport, but dared not make their views public on account of criticism. To make it more explicit, they were in the class of many ardent reformers nowadays who do lots of preaching, but don't believe in following their precepts. The eighteenth amendment has proven this.

SECRET LEAKS OUT.
The fighters met at Chicago in May and came to an agreement to fight within fifty miles of Cincinnati the following November. It was necessary to keep secret the site of the battleground, but, like everything else, it soon became known. The location was at Cold Spring Station, Ind., and when the day of the fight arrived at least 5,000 followers of the sport defied the freezing weather and flitted with pneumonia to see the great tussle between the rival ring generals. They found spots around the ring early in the cold morning and waited eagerly for the approach of the fighters.

The huge crowd was in for a terrible shock. The authorities had laid their plans quietly and had smoothed the fighters and their friends into the belief that there would be nothing doing. Judge of the surprise when Coburn and his trainer reached the spot in a closed carriage to have two officers stop

This is as it should be, for fighting is no rougher than many other sports that have tremendous following. No more is a fighter despised or looked down upon. Again, it is not necessary for a fan to cloak his feelings with hypocrisy. He can come out in the open and declare his liking for the game. His friends are able to agree with him without fear of being characterized as ruffians.

LIBERTY A. C. IN ACTION.
The Liberty A. C. is scheduled to make its first appearance in the latter's gym in Mount Pleasant this evening, starting at 8 o'clock. The Liberty line-up will be selected from these players: Kreimb, Glascock, Keppel, Simonds, Newman, Young, Duke, Reiter, Sykes and Howdysell.

REEKIE MAKES RAREST SHOTS AT PINEHURST

Defeats Maxwell, and Reaches 537-Yard Green in Two, Being Just Short of Pin.

PINEHURST, N. C., Dec. 29.—Norman H. Maxwell, of Philadelphia, former North and South champion, and one of the leading favorites in the mid-winter tournament at Pinehurst went down to emphatic defeat at the hands of William Reekie in the fourth round of match play.

Reekie won the match by the astounding margin of 7 up and 5 to play and further distinguished himself by playing the two longest shots ever played in succession here. This was on the play for the seventh hole, where Reekie followed a great drive with a sensational cleft shot that stopped just 29 feet short of the pin, 537 yards distant from the tee.

First sixteen, William Reekie, Upper Montclair, defeated Norman H. Maxwell, Whitemarsh, 7 and 5; T. Russell Brown, Montclair, defeated J. C. McDonald, Sleepy Hollow, 2 and 1; Donald Farson, Youngstown, defeated E. L. Seefeldt, Stamford, 1 up (19 holes); John Bailey, Jr., Oak Hill, defeated John D. Chapman, Greenwich, 4 and 3.

WILL SUBSTITUTE.
Gene Tunney, former light heavyweight king, will take Champion Harry Greb's place against Jimmy Delaney at Oklahoma City January 3. Gene was scheduled to meet Harry Foley at Omaha, Neb., on that date, but had the match put back until January 15. Tunney will also hook up with Chuck Wiggins at New Orleans on January 22.

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